Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The Elks Lodges of the State of South Dakota will observe the week beginning May 1, 1988, as Elks National Youth Week in tribute to our junior citizens, honoring them for their achievements and contributions to the life of the community, state and nation; and,

WHEREAS, It is our responsibility to guide, inspire, and encourage our youth, to go forth and serve America, our privilege to manifest a lively interest in all their activities and ambitions, and help prepare them for the duties and opportunities of citizenship, which is the objective of Elks National Youth Week; and,

WHEREAS, No event could be more deserving of our support and participation than one dedicated to these young people who represent the nation's greatest resource, and who in the years ahead will assume the responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and,

WHEREAS, Our youth need the guidance, inspiration and encouragement which we alone can give in order to develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership; and,

WHEREAS, To achieve this worthy objective, we should demonstrate our partnership with youth, our understanding of their hopes and aspirations, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them in every way for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Elks Association is involved with the youth of our state through programs we sponsor such as Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness Program, Youth Scholarship, Scouting, and other youth activities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 1, 1988, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon all citizens and all departments of state and local governments to cooperate in the observance, that we may attain these worthy objectives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE